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Low Canadian dollarimpacts trips to U.S.: Poll

ECONOMY

Journeying down south too expensive for some



Elisha **Dacey** Metro | Winnipeg

Manitobans are still crossborder shopping, but many say they're taking fewer trips thanks to less bang-for-the-

A new poll released Monday by Probe Research Inc. says 52 per cent of Manitobans crossed the border by car in the past year, but 40 per cent of those say their trips are fewer and far between.

The main reason? The value of the Canadian dollar was a factor for 67 per cent of those decisions to not take a trip.

That was certainly the reason for Trina Gallop.

"We had been planning to go down to the U.S. for quite a while," said the Winnipegger. "I usually head down with my dogs for an annual national dog show around this time. With the dollar ... it was just too expensive, and the decision was made to skip this year."

The value of the Canadian dollar has plummeted in the last year to 75 cents US as of

🚹 FACTS & NUMBERS

- 68 per cent of people headed to Grand Forks on their last trip, followed by Fargo at 37 per cent and Minneapolis/St. Paul at 23 per cent.
- People go to the U.S. mostly for the variety of products — 85 per cent said shopping for prod-ucts unavailable in Canada was their primary reason for going.
- · 65 per cent think the
- U.S. should offer better deals to Canadians to entice them over the bor-
- Wait times to get into the U.S. are generally 15 minutes or less, according to 58 per cent of respondents, and 53 per cent said the same thing about coming back into Canada.
- The No. 1 duty-free item purchased is alcohol.



BRINGING FUNNY BACK PLENTY OF LAUGHS TO BE HAD AT IMPROV FEST

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COURT

Impaired driver pleads guilty

Crown prosecutors want a Manitoba man who admitted to driving drunk when he killed a young woman to serve a four-year prison term.

David Deslisle, who is 51, has pleaded guilty to impaired driving causing death in the September 2012 crash on Winnipeg's Perimeter Highway that killed 21-year-old Samantha Schlichting, a mother of two.

A passenger in her car was also left with permanent injuries. Deslisle's pickup truck drifted into the wrong lane.

Court heard he refused a breathalyzer at the scene of the crash so it's unclear how much alcohol was in his system.

Deslisle's lawyer, Saul Simmonds, says his client is extremely remorseful and should get some credit for admitting to his crime.

He read out more than 20 letters of support for Deslisle and described how his client had been struggling after his wife died of cancer.

One of the letters said Deslisle would "never escape that night."

Simmonds says Deslisle hasn't drank alcohol since. He has also had his licence suspended since the crash.

The defence says the fouryear sentence the Crown wants is too high.

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Dennis Quaid film seeks black extras

DREAMWORKS

Thousands of actors needed as students, townsfolk



Dave Baxter Metro | Winnipeg

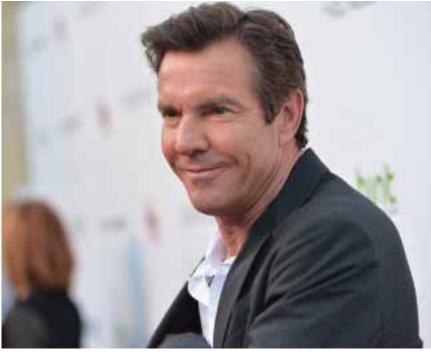
A movie being shot in Winnipeg and featuring Dennis Quaid is looking for hundreds of black extras.

In a Facebook post Monday, agency Kari Casting said for the month of October producers for Dreamworks Pictures film A Dog's Purpose will be focused on shooting scenes based in Atlanta and Chicago during the 1980's.

The production is looking for adult black extras, both male and female and between the ages of 16 and 80 to play the role of townsfolk, university students, teachers and café patrons starting on Friday, Oct. 5.

Producers said the extras would be needed for between one and two days, and would be paid \$12 per hour, and an overtime rate of \$18 per hour after eight hours.

Snacks, refreshments, and a small meal will be provided.



Dennis Quaid stars in A Dog's Purpose, which is being shot in Winnipeg. GETTY IMAGES

Anyone interested should email info@karicasting.com immediately and include

'Black extras for October scenes' in the subject line, a photo taken as of today from the waist up, their name and contact number, height and weight, and their confirmed availability.

Anyone that fits the requirements will receive a call from one of the booking crews.

Thousands of Winnipeggers answered the last cast-

ing call for the movie, which was searching for 2,000 extras of all ages and ethnicities in August. The lineup extended down the street and snaked through the Exchange District as hopefuls waited to audition at the Fairmont Hotel.

GREY CUP

Make it Drake

WHAT'S GOOD

Ace Burpee



CFL, please do the right thing by us. You've been handed a gift in terms of timing and nationality, so hook a city up.

The Grey Cup goes down in exactly two months, and there is still one card left to play in terms of creating buzz and drawing more numbers.

No question we've been hurt by the records of both the hometown team and the Riders, but we still have a halftime show to fill. The CFL, not the local Grey Cup committee, programs the show. Canadian artists aren't just in the international music conversation at the moment, they are the conversation.

Last week, of the Top 20 most popular songs in the world, nine spots were held by Canadians. Shawn Mendes, Bieber, Drake, The Weeknd are just some Canadian musicians killing it right now. We had a shot at the hottest name on that list for our halftime show, as The Weeknd is actually in Winnipeg the Friday of Grey Cup weekend... but he's in Calgary on game day. That was a huge miss.

So I think it is time to go all in on Drake. I liked when they booked Kanye for the Pan Am Games closing ceremony. Thousands didn't, as he isn't Canadian and those thousands just don't like him... but it worked. People watched, people bought tickets, people talked about it. Book Drake, you get instant buzz.



If you're texting, who's driving?



Manitoba Public Insurance FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

City going public, puts docs online

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Mayor Brian Bowman



Dave Baxter Metro | Winnipeg

Public information released by the city through the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) will be now be published on-line and accessible to every-

Moving forward, Mayor Brian Bowman said Monday, the most requested FIPPA our commitment information and all eligible to ensure access to proud that the documents recivic government leased in part or in full to FIPPA applicants will be

published monthly to the Access to Information: Released Records section on the City of Winnipeg's web page.

In 2015, more than 82 per cent of FIPPA applications received by the city have been granted in whole or in part, said the city in a statement.

"By proactively disclosing all of the information we can to the public, we are demonstrating our commitment to ensure access to civic government public documents has become the default, rather

than the ex-ception," said Bowman in a news release.

"The public has a right to know and I am City Clerk's department and public service have collaborated to take

the important steps to continue building a more open and transparent city for our citizens.



Winnipeg Mayor Brian Bowman says he's committed to building an open and transparent city. SHANE GIBSON/METRO FILE



Provincial Liberal Leader Rana Bokhari says poll results released Monday that saw her party pick up five per cent support since June shows Manitobans see the Liberals as a viable alternative to the NDP and the Progressive Conservatives. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Tories hold wide gap in Manitoba: Survey

ELECTION 2015

Poll shows NDP trailing Liberals, PC in female support



Shane Gibson Metro | Winnipeg

A new poll released Monday shows Manitoba's governing New Democrats in a statistical tie with the provincial Liberals and a full 20 per cent behind the opposition Progressive Conservatives.

The Probe Research poll, conducted for the Winnipeg Free Press, found 45 per cent

of decided voters would throw their support behind the provincial Tories led by Brian Pallister, down one point from numbers taken in June.

Support for the NDP under Greg Selinger fell four points from the June survey to 25 per cent, while the Liberals jumped five points over the previous poll numbers to 24 per cent.

Liberal Leader Rana Bokhari said the results show Manitoba voters are seeing her party as an alternative to the "negativity and bickering" she sees between the PCs and the NDP.

"We are the party of ideas," she told reporters at a news conference Monday. "We are the ones who are putting out meaningful policies and ideas for families.

The NDP took a further hit with numbers that show them trailing the other major parties in female support, with 45 per cent of women saying they'd vote PC, 27 per cent saying Liberals would get their vote, and just 23 per cent saying they would vote NDP.



We are the party of ideas.

Liberal Leader Rana Bokhari

Former finance minister and NDP MLA Jennifer Howard who resigned from her position along with four other cabinet ministers last November over concerns about Greg Selinger's leadership — said the results show what she's been hearing from voters.

"They want us to do better," said Howard.

Howard, who remained with the party after stepping down, stood by Selinger when asked if the NDP might be doing better in the polls if he'd stepped down as leader.

"The party has answered that question," she said referring to a leadership contest in March that saw Selinger hold onto power by just 33 votes. 'We are going forward."

Eighteen per cent of respondents were unsure or refused to say which party they would vote for when asked by Probe Research.

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Improv fest returns

ENTERTAINMENT

Eclectic Winnipeg if... lineup ensures plenty of laughs



Shane Gibson Metro|Winnipeg

The Winnipeg if... Improv Festival wants Winnipeggers to know the performers they've got lined up for this year's festival are nothing to laugh at.

At least not until they hit the stage.

The festival, which kicks off Tuesday and runs until Saturday, has performers coming from New York City, Atlanta, Edmonton and Montreal as well as some of the funniest homegrown on-the-spot comedians just itching to make unscripted comedy happen, according to artistic director and CRUMBS improv group member, Stephen Sim.

"It's very eclectic," he told Metro on Monday. "Every show has a different feel, it's always going to be good and it's always going to be funny. We've got everything from base comedy to theatrical comedy to fine art."

This year's complement of fine art (because really, what sort of improv festival doesn't include fine art?) comes in a show called Script No Script which will see live art by Kal Barteski projected behind performers



Kevin McDonald from The Kids in the Hall will join CRUMBS improv theatre for a show at this year's Winnipeg if... Improv Festival. JANET SHUM/HANDOUT



It's always going to be good and it's always going to be funny. We've got everything from base comedy to theatrical comedy.

Stephen Sim, CRUMBS improv group

who will improvise their show based on the art.

"This will cause a feedback loop of awesome," predicts a release from the festival.

Other highlights include a show by Megan Leahy from Atlanta's Dad's Garage, New York-based North Coast, who blend hip hop and improv with a world class beatbox champion, and performances from members of Edmonton's Rapid Fire Theatre.

Fans of The Kids in the Hall can also expect Kevin McDonald

to once again join the gents from CRUMBS on stage for a live show on Saturday night.

Winnipeg | metr

NEWS

The festival officially gets underway Tuesday with a free Festival Sampler Platter featuring sets by festival performers starting at 9 p.m. at the King's Head Pub (get there early says Sim).

The rest of the shows are happening at the Gas Station Arts Centre and tickets and festival passes are available by calling 204-284-9477, or are available online at gsac.ca.



ANIMALS JOURNEY TO CHURCHILL WINS AWARD The Assiniboine Park Zoo's Journey to Churchill exhibit is the first Canadian zoo to win top honours for the Association of Zoos and Aquariums award for exhibit design for zoos with an annual budget of more than \$5 million. SHANE GIBSON/METRO



The new app comes with parental controls. DAVE BAXTER/METRO

TECHNOLOGY

New Winnipeg Jets app takes flight



Dave Baxter Metro | Winnipeg

The Winnipeg Jets are kicking off the hockey season with a new app made specifically for their young fans.

JBF Sports has created the Club Jets app, which they said provides a safe online experience for kids, thanks to built in parental security.

The app allows fans of all ages to get news, schedules, stats and scores, and app users

can test their knowledge with team trivia, play fantasy and create their own Jets avatar.

"The Winnipeg Jets are excited to launch this new platform and be at the forefront of youth engagement in today's digital world," said Winnipeg Jets director of digital and marketing services Andrew Wilkinson.

JBF said the goal of the app is to provide content geared to further strengthen the team's connection with its young fans.

The free app is available at clubwinnipegjets.com.



Man charged in string of Winnipeg robberies

A spree of robberies across the city early Sunday has led to charges for a Winnipeg man.

Businesses were hit on Plessis Road, McGregor Street, Main Street, Springfield Road, and King Edward Street before the suspect was arrested around 1 p.m. Police believe the same suspect is responsible for another commercial robbery in the 1000 block of McGregor Street Sept. 16.

Zachary Leonard Gordon Brown, 26, is charged with seven counts of robbery, seven counts of wearing a disguise, and failing to comply with a recognizance.

Police hope season helps with Krull case

CRIME

Missing woman was last seen on July 11th



Shane Gibson Metro|Winnipeg

Police are hopeful falling leaves in wooded areas in and around Winnipeg may reveal a clue to the whereabouts of missing grandmother Thelma Krull.

Police asked Winnipeggers Monday to keep an eye out for items Krull, 57, had with her when she was last after leaving for a morning walk from her Harbour View South neighbourhood home in July.

"With the beginning of the fall season and the accompanying loss of foliage in the woods, as well as the high volume of hunters who venture out during this time, investigators want to remind people to be cognizant of any items they may find," reads a statement from police. "Specifically, investigators would like to remind the public of clothing that Thelma was wearing at the time of her disappearance."

Friends and family became concerned when Krull, who had been taking long walks to C

Investigators want to remind people to be cognizant of any items they may find.

Police statement

prepare for a seven-day hike in British Columbia, didn't return from her morning walk in the Valley Gardens area on the morning of July 11.

The homicide unit took over the investigation six days later.

Police and volunteers spent the days after Krull's disappearance scouring the area and police divers searched a nearby pond at Kilcona Park.

The only sign of Krull investigators found was her glasses, which were discovered near a community centre.

Krull was wearing a reddishorange brightly coloured T-shirt, three-quarter length black capri style pants, a black fanny pack, and tan/brown hiking boots/shoes.

Krull is white, 5'4", 170 lbs., with short dyed blonde hair with a purple streak.

Anyone with information should call investigators at the Homicide Unit at 204-986-6508 or Winnipeg CrimeStoppers at 204-786-TIPS.



ELECTION NO POLITICIANS ALLOWED Candidates looking to win the people's vote in the upcoming federal election have been seen out-and-about door knocking to make their case, but they better not try knocking on the door of this Nairn Avenue home, as the sign on the fence makes it clear they are not welcome. DAVE BAXTER/METRO



Metro's coast to coast daily election series connects young, urban Canadians to the issues they care about

First-timer's vote most likely to be a compromise



chance to vote.

Tina Belay is treading carefully. The 21-year-old science major at the University of Calgary isn't used to media interviews, and on top of that, she's serious about her first

She pauses before answering my questions, looking for the right words.

Mostly, she's far from made up her mind on how to vote.

"Women's issues are really important to me," she says. "We are a developed nation, we're a modern nation. People think we're handling it. But these issues are still prevalent today" - things like equal pay, and violence against women. The leaders "have been talking about gender inequality, but they haven't been talking specifically about women's issues," she adds.

She hasn't immediately ruled out the Conservatives, though Stephen Harper declined to participate in a

debate on women's issues, which would have been the first in decades.

Belay has dreams of finding work at a biotech company, but notes even the supposedly job-guaranteeing engineering degree holds uncertainty these days. She cares about career opportunities, and worries about the low dollar and the economy.

When I ask for her wish list in the next prime minister, Belay gets animated. "My wish

She'd like to see bills C-51 (on surveillance, supported by the Liberals) and C-24 (on dual citizenship) repealed.

She'd like a missing and murdered indigenous women

She'd like a national minimum wage, and says the NDP's \$15-an-hour plan could be a good start.

The environment is a huge thing," she adds. "Climate change is real. We have to start looking at sustainable sources of energy, less reliance on Alberta's oil. It is

a really important part of our economy, but it's not sustain-

Despite feeling like she's in the middle of the political spectrum, if not slightly left, she's not ready to rule anyone out. And the decision isn't getting easier.

"The more I learn, the more confused I feel," she says. In an election where many see the NDP as having been outflanked to the left by the Liberals, she's not alone. The parties aren't sticking to the cookie-culture image of political ideologies, she says.

With no obvious political home, this — her first vote — will undoubtedly be a compromise. It would help, she said, if the parties offered more specifics for some platform plans. "How exactly are you going to do that? People need to hear concrete actions they're going to take."

Rosemary Westwood is travelling across the country talking to young voters. Tomorrow she is in Ottawa



VOTER PROFILE

Name: Tina Belay Age: 21 Riding: Calgary Skyview Her issues: Women's rights, environment, Bill C-51, missing and murdered women, minimum wage, climate change

Youth eye change in Calgary, but will they vote?

TURNOUT

Young voters don't cast ballot until older, data show



Aaron Chatha Metro | Calgary

In 2006, Tyler Longmire was sitting in his university residence with friends, knocking back shots of liquor while they watched the federal election.

It was the first election in which he was old enough to cast a ballot and one that saw Stephen Harper elected into office for the first time, with a minority government. The rest of the night is a blur.

Fast-forward to the upcoming Oct. 19 election, and Longmire, now 27 and having grown up in Conservative Alberta, thinks that young Albertans will be voting for a change in federal power just as they did when the NDP took the province in the May provincial vote.

"Just from my experience, I definitely don't know any people my age or younger who are really stoked for the Con-



Tyler Longmire believes there is an appetite for change among young Calgarians — but also a lot of apathy, which will prevent youth from turning up at the polls. AARON CHATHA/METRO

servatives to win," he said. "But, then again, maybe that's just the circles that I run in."

He believes the youth vote has soured on the Conservatives due to issues like Bill C-51, university and research funding and environmental

Melanee Thomas, political science professor at the University of Calgary, said the youth vote may have less to do with a need for change, however, and more to do with reflecting their parents' values.

"People who were 18, their parents are, what, 45?" she

said. "Their parents are voting (New Democrat) at close to, but not quite, the same rate as their kids," she said.

Thomas said experiences like getting married and moving to a different community may change someone's party identifications, but those events often don't occur until someone's late 20s or early

Romy Garrido, vicepresident of external relations for the University of Calgary Students' Union, agrees with Longmire: the provincial vote was a good indication youth are swaying toward change.

"I'm not sure how youth will sway this time around, but I wouldn't be surprised if something similar happens at the federal level that happened at the provincial level given that young people had a huge impact in the provincial results," she said.

Garrido added, however, the impact of the youth vote will be dependent on voter

Regardless of how youth are inclined to vote, said Duane Bratt, chair of the department of policy studies at Mount Royal University said, young voters can't be trusted to mobilize.

Bratt said it's no secret that



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Romy Garrido

regardless of location around Canada youth tend to vote more progressive, but he said years of historical data show that young voters don't vote until they get older.

Longmire said he's seen an increase in political awareness and a reduction in voter apathy on his social media feeds, but doesn't know if that will translate to more youth votes.

He's still going to vote, and he hopes others do too.

And, yes, Longmire plans to throw another election day party Oct. 19.

CAMPUSES

Campaigns push for greater student voice

Regardless of political stripes, young people are mobilizing in greater numbers and it's showing in local Get Out the Vote Campaigns on campuses. The University of Calgary has more than 4,100 people pledging to vote. Mount Royal is pushing to reach 5,000 of its students making the commitment to cast a ballot. Both schools have found success in reaching out to the thousands of new students coming to campuses for the first time. "We go out and do classroom visits and try to be at all the welcome back events," Madina Kanayeva, vice president external at the Students' association of Mount Royal University. told Metro. The University of Calgary's GOTV team is personalizing their engagement with reminder messages to exercise the franchise.

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Spider-Mable, a.k.a. Mable Tooke, 6, of Edmonton, hangs on a zipline with Spider-Man as she gets her wish Monday to fight crime with her hero. JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Spider-Mable saves the day

CHILDREN'S WISH

Girl with cancer gives superhero a hand fighting crime on streets



Metro|Edmonton
Edmonton's pint-sized hero

Spider-Mable has swung into action to help save Oilers captain Andrew Ference.

The six-year-old girl was liv-

ing out her biggest wish on Monday, hanging out with Spider-Man and Black Cat, working to save Ference from the villain Mysterio.

The hero's day out was organized by the Children's Wish Foundation for Mable Tooke, who has been battling leukemia for the past two years.

The adventure began with a meeting with Mayor Don Iveson, followed by a briefing from Edmonton police on the jobs ahead, all with Spider-Man beside her

Mable had time for just a few words, after a superhero lunch at West Edmonton Mall, before heading out: "It's pretty cool."

Dressed in Spider-Man shoes, a Spider-Man costume and mask, along with a streak of red hair, Mable said she was excited to fight crime alongside the famous wall-crawler.

"He's smart and he's a super-

hero," she said.

Mable's adventure included rescuing Black Cat with a trip across the West Edmonton Mall pool on a zipline, which she said didn't scare her one bit.

Superhero work comes naturally to Spider-Mable, according to her father, Neil Tooke, who watched from below as she streaked across the pool.

"She's adventurous, and we haven't found anything that intimidates her yet," he said. "We're going to spend a lot of time on the West Edmonton Mall zipline now."

He said that when the Children's Wish Foundation first approached them, Mable was told she could have anything or go anywhere she wanted, but she had only one thing in mind.

"She said, 'Mommy and Daddy, I just really want to spend some time with Spider-Man'"

Her mother, Lisa Tooke, thanked everyone involved.

"It was the very start when she saw the little newscast calling for Spider-Mable. At first it was disbelief in her eyes, and then a slow smile appears, and then there was a big grin, and then she said, 'Let's go.'"

She said her daughter has one relatively light chemo treatment daily, along with heavier, more painful treatments once a week and "terrible" treatments every three months, so granting the wish is exceptional.

ORITUARY

Canadian tenor Burgess dies at age 70 after battling cancer

A family friend says Canadian tenor Michael Burgess has died at age 70.

Bruce Bowser says Burgess died in a Toronto hospice on Monday evening surrounded by members of his family.

Burgess had been battling cancer for a number of years and was best known for his portrayal of Jean Valjean in the Toronto production of Les Miserables.

He also took the role across Canada on the first national tour of the production as well as appearing for the 10th anniversary concert at Royal Albert Hall in London.

Burgess was known to hock-

ey fans for singing the national anthem for many years at Toronto Maple Leafs home games.

He was also the first person to sing O Canada at a World Series baseball game.

Bowser says a funeral for Burgess is planned for Oct. 5.
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Michael Burgess plays Jean Valjean in Les Miserables in 1989. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

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Voters win Munk Debate

ANALYSIS

'Substantive' exchanges help clarify views of the leaders



Steve Rennie Metro | Ottawa

Now, that is how you hold a federal leaders' debate. Only a few instances of the leaders shouting over each other. Largely calm and respectful exchanges in both English and French. A moderator, flanked by a live audience, who doggedly kept the leaders in check.

Hats off to the Munk Debates. Other debate organizers should take note.

There was almost a note of surprise in the voice of Rudyard Griffiths, chairman of the Munk Debates, when he thanked the leaders after the first exchange for a "civil and substantive" debate. Who woulda thunk it?

The clear winner of the Munk Debate on foreign affairs was the Canadian voter, who saw three party leaders espouse three distinct views on the country's role on the world stage.

Here's my assessment of how each leader did:

Stephen Harper

A steady performance by the Conservative leader. Harper rarely gets animated in these debates, often preferring to sit back and let his rivals fight amongst themselves. He did that this time around, but he also put in a good performance, weathering his opponents' attacks while getting in a few jabs of his own. He seemed mildly exasperated at times, his tone one of seeming bewilderment that the other leaders don't share his positions.

He was surprisingly solid on the question about climate



Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau, Conservative Leader Stephen Harper and NDP Leader Tom Mulcair acknowledge the crowd from the stage at the Munk Debate on Canada's foreign policy, Tuesday, in Toronto. MARK BLINCH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Stephen Harper: B+

Tom Mulcair: B

Justin Trudeau: A

change, a perceived weak spot for his government. But his best exchange came after Trudeau said he doesn't like U.S. President Barack Obama. Harper shot back, asking the audience to imagine one of his rivals phoning up Obama on their first day in office and telling him that Canada is pull-

WHERE THE LEADERS ARE TUESDAY



- **Stephen Harper** will be in Vaughan, Ont.
- Justin Trudeau will be in Winnipeg and Richmond,
- Tom Mulcair will be in Igaluit, Nunavut.
- Elizabeth May's itinerary

traded blows. He got in a nice jab in his closing statement, saying Canadians now have a choice between the Liberal sponsorship and Conservative Senate scandals.

Mulcair also got in a nice shot at Trudeau in response to a question about how each leader would stand up to Russian President Vladimir Putin, chiding the Liberal leader for voting in favour of C-51, the Conservatives' antiterror legislation.

Justin Trudeau

This was probably Trudeau's best debate performance. He made his interjections mean something by using them far less than he did in the first two English-language debates. He was far less breathless and frenetic than he had been in other debates, particularly the Globe and

It's a responsible response. It is not based on the headlines.

Stephen Harper



The NDP has a clear plan to bring in 2,500 more police officers across the country.

Tom Mulcair



It's not about politics; it's about being the country that we have always been.

Justin Trudeau

if having a live audience to which he could play to had anything to do with his much-improved showing.

His best exchange of the night came when in response to what he characterized as attacks on the legacy of his father, former prime minister Pierre Trudeau. Trudeau, in his most passionate response of the night, cited the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and multiculturalism as some of his father's accomplishments. Then he pivoted, using another of his father's legacies — official bilingualism — to land a body blow on Mulcair.

"Bilingualism, which, as my and left Mulcair at a bit of a loss.

ing out of the fight against ISIL.

"If you really want to poison the relationship, that would be the way to do it," Harper said.

Tom Mulcair

Mulcair needed a strong performance in this debate, with polls persistently showing the

New Democrats' support is stalled in the 31 to 33 per cent range. He had some good zingers, often at Trudeau's expense, and eventually articulated when an NDP government would use military force in foreign conflicts. But far too often, Mulcair seemed the odd man out as the Liberal leader and Harper

Mail debate. You have to wonder

father understood, Mr. Mulcair, means saying the same thing in French that you say in English," Trudeau said. The line drew an audible "ooh" from the crowd

Tories sit alone on Bill C-24

The Conservatives went to great pains Monday to set themselves apart from their opponents on Bill C-24, saying a Liberal or NDP government would allow convicted terrorists who loathe Canada to roam the streets once they leave prison.

The bill, which became law in May, allows the federal government to strip Canadian citizenship from dual citizens convicted of terrorist offences.

The legislation has stoked controversy in recent days after the government announced Saturday that it revoked the citizenship of Zakaria Amara, a member of the so-called Toronto 18 terrorist group sentenced to life in prison in 2010.

Defence Minister Jason Kenney said Monday that because the NDP and Liberals have promised to abolish the law, Amara — who pleaded guilty to plotting to bomb downtown Toronto — would be free to walk the streets and travel with a Canadian passport after serving his sentence. Amara becomes eligible for parole in 2016.

In contrast, a Conservative government would ensure that Amara, who holds Jordanian citizenship, would be deported as soon as he's freed under the legislative authority of C-24, Kenney told a news conference in Levis, Que.

NDP Leader Tom Mulcair has opposed Bill C-24 and questioned the timing of the announcement to revoke Amara's citizenship, coming as it did in the middle of the campaign. Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau has said he would remove elements of the law on the basis it creates two classes of citizens. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Invite Bloc to debate: Greens

The federal Green party is still holding out hope for an English-language campaign debate aired by the major television broadcasters — and it says Bloc Quebecois Leader Gilles Duceppe should be there.

The Greens are calling on CBC, CTV and Global to invite Duceppe, in keeping with the principle that any leader with MPs elected under their party banner should be asked to take part.

It marks the latest effort by the Green party — whose leader Elizabeth May is already



invited — to revive interest in an event that may not hap-

Conservative Leader Stephen Harper has indicated he will not take part and NDP Leader Tom Mulcair says his participation is contingent on Harper being there.

The absence of two leaders could scuttle the debate, long a campaign fixture viewed by several million people.

However, Green party spokesman Julian Morelli says he's been assured the event will go ahead as long as Mulcair and Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau agree to participate. THE CANADIAN PRESS

India launches first space observatory

The Astrosat has a mission life of

five years and sends data to a

control centre in Bangalore.

Water's flowing on Mars, NASA thinks

India successfully launched its first space observatory and six satellites into orbit on Monday, officials said, the latest step forward for a country looking to become a major player in

the lucrative space market.

The observatory, named Astrosat, was launched from Sriharikota in the southern state of Andhra Pradesh, said the Indian Space and Research Organization (ISRO). Astrosat will attempt a

deeper study of the universe, especially star systems.

Îndia's junior science minister, Y.S. Choudhury, said the launch of the observatory was part of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision for India's

Mars appears to have flow-

ing rivulets of water, at least

in the summer, scientists reported Monday in a finding that

boosts the odds of life on the

planet that we thought of in the

past," said Jim Green, director

of planetary science for NASA.

the existence of frozen water on

Mars. Now instruments aboard

NASA's Mars Reconnaissance

Orbiter have yielded what re-

searchers said is the strongest

evidence yet that water in liquid

form trickles down certain Mar-

essential to life as we know it,

the finding could have major im-

And because liquid water is

Scientists in 2008 confirmed

"Mars is not the dry, arid

space program. Modi, who is currently visiting the United States, tweeted his congratulations:

"Well done @isro. This is one more grand accomplish-

ment for Indian science & our scientists.'

Last September, India joined an elite club when it successfully guided its Mars Orbiter Mission, called Mangalyaan, into orbit around the Red Planet. Only the United States,

the former Soviet Union and the European Space Agency had done that before.

In December, India launched the country's heaviest rocket, weighing 630 tonnes.

plications for the possibility of

microscopic life forms on Mars. "It suggests that it would be

possible for there to be life to-

day on Mars," NASA's science

mission chief, John Grunsfeld,

said at a Washington news con-

The rivulets — if that's what

they are, since the evidence for

their existence is indirect — are

about 12 to 15 feet wide and

300 feet or more long, scientists

said. They apparently consist of

wet soil, not standing water,

tain certain salts - not ordinary

table salt, but magnesium per-

chlorate, magnesium chlorate

and sodium perchlorate.

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The water is believed to con-

ference.

scientists said.

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Russian President Vladimir Putin takes part in a luncheon hosted by United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon at the

World leaders at UN split on Syria crisis

Major powers discuss finding viable solution to conflict

Vladimir Putin played it cool, Barack Obama was earnest but firm and Iran's president walked in smiling.

World leaders glided through the opening day of a UN gathering that aims to wrestle with the globe's biggest crises — a historic flood of refugees, the rise of threats like the Islamic State group and the conflict

In his state of the world address to leaders from the UN's 193 member states, Ban Ki-Moon insisted on a political solution to the conflict in Syria, now well into its fifth year with more than a quarter of a million people killed.

Ban said five countries "hold the key" to a political solution to Syria: Russia, the U.S., Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Iran.

Obama and Putin, hours ahead of their first face-to-face meeting in nearly a year, gave no sign of closing their deep divide on the Syrian crisis.

Obama said of Syrian President Bashar Assad, "when

We want to suggest a new and constructive way to recreate the international order.

> Hassan Rouhani, president of Iran

a dictator slaughters tens of thousands of his own people, that is not a matter of a nation's internal affairs." The U.S. is prepared to work with any country, including Russia and Iran, to resolve Syria's conflict,

The U.S. president also took jabs at Russia and China, without naming names. "The strong men of today become the spark of revolution tomorrow," Obama warned.

Putin, who showed up at the UN gathering for the first time in a decade and was not at Russia's seat in the chamber when Obama spoke, called for the creation of a broad international coalition against terror, following his country's surprising moves in recent weeks to increase its military presence in Syria and to share intelligence on the Islamic State group. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Red Planet.

🛑 IN BRIEF

Prison worker who aided jailbreak sentenced

A sobbing former prison worker who helped two murderers escape from a maximum-security lockup said she regretted her "horrible mistake" as she was sentenced to up to seven years as part of a plea deal.

Joyce Mitchell apologized profusely as she was sentenced to 2-1/3 to seven years in prison. Mitchell, 51, had pleaded guilty to charges related to providing hacksaw blades and other tools to inmates Richard Matt and David Sweat.

Deadly Bangkok bombings may be linked: Thai police

Police on Monday gave their most detailed explanation yet of who they believe was behind last month's deadly bombing in Bangkok, for the first time publicly linking one of the suspects to previous blasts.

Authorities have said they believe the Aug. 17 bombing at the Erawan Shrine, which killed 20 people and injured more than 120, was carried out by a people-smuggling gang seeking revenge for having their operation curbed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Migrant children, newborns treated for flu as temperatures plunge in Croatia

Doctors treated migrant children - including newborns - for exposure as dropping temperatures Monday worsened the plight of asylum-seekers walking for days trying to reach sanctuary in Europe.

One group of migrants crossed into Croatia near the small village of Bapska, walking through cornfields and forests late Sunday to pass through a small gate that marks the border with

Vladimir Bozic, a physician from Doctors Without Borders, said he had treated many young children for temperature-related illnesses.

"We saw a one-month-old baby, even (one just) 15 days," Bozic said.

Volunteers from the UN High Commissioner for Refugees handed out blankets, warm drinks and food to those fleeing conflict and poverty in the Middle East, Africa and Asia.

Many are suffering in ris-

ing numbers from colds and the flu after days or weeks on the move in the rain and

'I expect even more, with the worsening of these cold conditions," Bozic said. "Winter is coming."

Migrants lined up at Cro-

atia's Opatovac transit centre Monday to take trains out of the country. About 78,000 asylum seekers have crossed into Croatia since Sept. 15, when Hungary closed its border with Serbia, diverting the migrants to Croatia.

Saed Al Mousawi, who fled from Afghanistan, said the drop in temperatures had made many feel unwell, especially the children. The route has been hard, but he's determined to keep going.

"We have dreams to have a peaceful life, without war, without any other distractions," he said.

Little peace remained, though, between Balkan rivals Šerbia and Croatia.

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Artworks returning to India

Four rare artworks believed to have been stolen are being returned to India by an Ohio art museum.

Director Brian Kennedy recently announced that the Toledo Museum of Art made arrangements with the Embassy of India to return the objects, including an 11thcentury bronze sculpture depicting the deity Ganesh and a carved stone.

The facility had been in discussions with the Justice Department and the Republic of Îndia about the pieces, which came from a former art dealer now accused of illegal exportation and other crimes, Kennedy said. The other items being returned are an 18th century watercolour and centuries-old decorative box.

The museum also announced it is returning more than 110 items that were donated by the dealer, Subhash Kapoor, and his gallery, but weren't officially added to the museum's collection, The (Toledo) Blade reported. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pope speaks on sex abuse

'SOMETHING HORRIBLE'

Those who covered up scandal also guilty: Francis

Pope Francis has defended his words of consolation to U.S. bishops over the priest sex abuse scandal but says - for the first time — that those who covered up for abusers are guilty of wrongdoing.

In a wide-ranging news conference en route to Rome from his first-ever visit to the United States, Francis also declared conscientious objection a "human right," explained his admiration for American nuns and discussed his own star power, which was fully on display during his six-day, three-city tour.

He also invented a new Italian word to describe the exuberant reception he received in New York City: "stralimitata" roughly, "beyond all limits."

On his last day in the U.S., Francis on Sunday met with five survivors of sexual abuse



Pope Francis waves as he arrives at Rome's St. Mary Major Basilica Monday after a 10-day trip to Cuba and the United States. RICCARDO DE LUCA/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

and issued a warning to bishops that they would be held accountable if they failed to protect their flocks.

"Those who covered this up are guilty," he said. "There are even some bishops who covered this up. It's something

While the Vatican has

Those who covered this (sex abuse) up are quilty.

Pope Francis

cracked down on priests who rape and molest children in recent years, it has long been accused of turning a blind eye to the bishops who moved abusers around rather than report

them to police. Francis has agreed to create a tribunal in the Vatican to prosecute these bishops for abuse of office and has accepted the resignations of three U.S. bishops who mishandled abuse cases.

Francis defended his words of consolation to U.S. bishops in Washington, saying he wanted to acknowledge that they had suffered, too.

"The words of comfort weren't to say, 'Don't worry, it's nothing.' No, no, no. It was that, 'It was so awful, and I imagine that you have wept so much," he said. On Sunday, Francis directed

his attention to the victims of abuse themselves, meeting with five survivors, including people who had been molested not only by priests but also abused by family members or educators.

He apologized to them that often their accusations weren't taken seriously, and promised to hold bishops accountable.

Francis said he understands how a victim or a relative of a victim could refuse to forgive the priest who abused.

"I pray for them, and I don't judge them," Francis said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



U.S. ELECTION

Clinton blasts comment about 'free stuff' luring minority vote

Democratic presidential frontrunner Hillary Rodham Clinton says Jeb Bush's suggestion that Democrats offer "free stuff" to appeal to minority voters is "deeply insulting."

Bush told a South Carolina

audience last week that Democrats offer division and "free stuff," or government help, to black voters while his message is about "hope and aspiration."

Clinton took issue with the comments during a Facebook question-and-answer session on Monday. She said rhetoric like that is "deeply insulting, whether it comes from Jeb Bush or Mitt Romney or Donald Trump."

"I think people are seeing this for what it is: Republicans lecturing people of colour instead of offering real solutions to help people get ahead, including facing up to hard truths about race and justice in America," Clinton wrote on Facebook.

Bush's remarks drew comparisons to Romney's comments following his 2012 loss in the presidential election to President Barack Obama, when the former Massachusetts governor told donors that Obama had offered "gifts" to



Republican Jeb Bush

minority voters. Bush told Fox News on Sunday that his comments were

taken out of context and he was making a point that was counter to what Romney had said at the time.

"I think we need to make our case to African-American voters and all voters that an aspirational message, fixing a few big complex things, will allow people to rise up. That's what people want. They don't want free stuff. That was my whole point," Bush said.

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Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton speaks during a community forum on health care in Des Moines, Iowa, last week. CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE



Taliban fighters take their positions after occupying a police station in Kunduz, Afghanistan, on Monday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Taliban take city

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Taliban leader

Mullah Akhtar Mansoor

AFGHANISTAN

Defenders not prepared for attack from all angles: Official

The Taliban captured the strategic northern Afghan city of Kunduz on Monday in a multipronged attack involving hundreds of fighters, marking the first time the insurgents have seized a major urban area since the 2001 U.S.-led invasion.

The fast-moving assault took

military and intelligence agencies by surprise. The city is one of Afghanistan's richest and the target of repeated Taliban offensives as the absolute security. militants spread their fight across

the country following the withdrawal last year of U.S. and NATO combat troops.

Within 12 hours of launching the offensive around 3 a.m., the militants had reached the main square, tearing down photographs of President Ashraf Ghani and other leaders and raising the white flag of the Taliban movement, residents reported.

More than 600 prisoners, including 140 Taliban fighters, were released from the city's jail, and many people were trying to reach the airport to flee.

Kunduz city has collapsed into the hands of the Taliban," said Interior Ministry spokesman Sediq Sediqqi. "Security forces in Kunduz were prepared for an attack but not one of this size and not one that was co-ordinated in 10 different locations at the same time."

The Taliban used social media to claim the "conquest" of Kunduz and assure residents that the extremist group - responsible for the vast majority of nearly 5,000 civilian casualties in the first half of this year, according to the UN — came in peace.

A statement attributed to the group's new leader, Mullah Akhtar Mansoor, said: "The citizens of Kunduz should not worry about safeguarding their lives and properties.... All traders, workers, staff of hospitals, muni-

cipality and governing bodies should continue their daily routines without any fear."

The Taliban have a history of brutality toward those they regard as apostates and have banned girls from school as well as music, movies and other trappings of modern life.

Sediggi said military reinforcements were being sent to Kunduz. "We are trying our best to clear the city as soon as possible," he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wedding party massacred by mistake

The Saudi-led coalition targeting Yemen's Shiite rebels mistakenly struck a wedding party on Monday, killing at least 38 people, Yemeni security officials said.

The strikes hit the celebration in al-Wahga, a village near the strategic Strait of Bab al-Mandab, said the officials, who remain neutral in the conflict that has splintered Yemen.

At least 40 people were wounded in the two airstrikes, they said. The strikes, a senior government official said, were a mistake." Many of the victims were women and children, according to several villagers.

Yemen has been embroiled in fighting that pits the rebels, known as Houthis, and forces loyal to former President Ali Abdullah Saleh against the Saudibacked and internationally recognized government as well as southern separatists, local militias and Sunni extremists.

The U.S.-backed coalition has been carrying out airstrikes against the rebels and their allies since March.

Further details about the massacre were not immediately known, but the village in which it took place lies in the battered Taiz province, where civilians routinely fall victim to daily Saudi airstrikes as well as rebel mortar shells.

Only seven of Taiz's 21 hospitals are currently open but they

are "totally overwhelmed" and have run out of essential medication, said Hassan Boucenine of Doctors Without Borders earlier this week.

The conflict in Yemen has killed at least 2,100 civilians so far, according to UN figures.

All officials and local residents spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media or fear reprisals. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Hoverboards in patent war

TRANSPORTATION

Canadian entrepreneur not put off by legal battles

A Canadian entrepreneur is stepping into a fierce global patent war as he begins to sell a hands-free "hoverboard" he believes will revolutionize urban transportation.

Darren Pereira's Hüüver company has begun to sell online its brand of self-balancing electric boards called Üüboard. A Toronto dealership is in the works. The colourful units that travel up to about 10 km/h have motors that are propelled by movements detected from sensors near the feet.

"I think it's going to change the way we move," Pereira said in an interview from Toronto.

Two gyroscopes are so sensitive they detect small shifts in balance. Lean forward and the device moves forward. Lean back and it reverses. Move to the right and it turns that way.

The technology — described by some as mini-Segways with-



Darren Pereira's company Hüüver has begun to sell online its Üüboard brand of self-balancing electric boards. MARTA IWANEK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

out the poles — has drawn the ire of the New Hampshirebased company that first introduced its self-balancing personal vehicle in 2001.

The subsidiary of China's Ninebot technology last week filed suit in Delaware for patent infringement against Inventist Inc., a Washington state company that sells transportation devices, including Hovertrax and Solowheel.

Ninebot said its secondgeneration units, launched in 2006, included patented LeanStar technology.

Inventist, however, said it has its own patents for "a twowheel, self-balancing vehicle with independently movable foot placement sections."

It filed suit against Ninebot in China, and last June against Soibatian Corporation for their product, the IO Hawk. Billionaire Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban then partnered with Inventist's founder, adding firepower to the effort to

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Darren Pereira

go after alleged copycats.

Pereira, however, says the legal battles won't deter him from pursuing this business opportunity.

Several Chinese factories pump out thousands of units a day under various names including Oxboard, Cyboard, Future Foot, Monorover, Airboard, Freego, Esway and Overoad.

The Üüboard sells for \$949 and comes with a one-year warranty, but rival products are available for between about \$600 US and \$1,800 US. Hüüver's Chinese supplier, Cube Electronics Tech, said they can be purchased directly for up to \$200 US.

The hoverboards can be used on urban bike lanes and sidewalks, but Pereira said he's been asked to put his away at a Blue Jays game and in some shopping malls. THE CANADIAN PRESS

🛑 IN BRIEF

Women on boards varies by industry, size: Survey

A review of more than 700 companies listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange has found that the number of women on corporate boards and in executive positions varies by industry and company size. For example, about 60 per cent of companies with a market capitalization more than \$2 billion reported having at least two female board members. And 59 per cent of the reporting issuers of that size said they had at least two female executive officers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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An Apple store in Chicago displays the new Apple iPhone 6S. KIICHIRO SATO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Apple sells 13M new iPhones in three days

Apple says it sold more than 13 million iPhone 6s and 6s Plus phones in the three days since its iPhone launch, topping last year's early sales mark.

Apple sold 10 million iPhone 6 and 6 Plus models during their first weekend last year. This year's results include sales

in China which was included in the initial launch for the first time. Apple said previously that preorders were so strong that it expected to surpass last year's record.

PiperJaffray analyst Gene Munster said results came in at the high end of his expectations for sales of 12 million to 13 million. He said China added about two million in sales.

'Today's news suggests the iPhone 6 cycle is off to a good start," he wrote.

The new models have more memory and faster processors, along with a new 12 mega-pixel

camera, and starts at \$649 US.

Apple Inc. says the phones will be available in 40 additional countries beginning Oct. 9 including Italy, Mexico, Russia, Spain and Taiwan and 130 countries by the end of the year.

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If you're texting, who's driving?



MEGRAVIEWS

Relax, dude: a new Forum poll of 1,557 Canadians found we're becoming more permissive of things we once stigmatized — including marijuana, prostitution and assisted suicide.

EMMA TEITEL: ON HARPER'S IMAGE ABROAD

There's something both morally suspect and frankly unconvincing about this "reputation" business — which asserts that Canada, once a shining example to the world, has fallen from grace.

What do Stephen Harper and Joan Jett have in common besides a burning love for rock and roll?

Neither, apparently, gives a damn about his or her reputation. Jett said so explicitly in her hit song Bad Reputation, released in 1980. And Harper, according to his foes, has quietly and deliberately diminished Canada's international standing as the True North Strong and Friendly since he entered the prime minister's office in 2006.

Thanks to the Conservative government, we often (annoyingly) hear, "Gone are the days when youngsters travelling abroad sewed miniature Canadian flags to their backpacks with pride." (An alternative explanation for this supposedly waning trend? Young people can't sew. Last year, researchers at the University of Missouri found that millennials are severely lacking, compared to their parents, in clothing repair and maintenance skills.)

Backpacker pride aside, though, according to an Angus Reid study released this week, "Canadians are twice as likely to say this country's reputation has worsened over the last decade as improved." And remarkably: "In spite

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of this view," reports Angus Reid, "they (Canadians) still choose Stephen Harper as the leader best suited to represent Canada on a number of key foreign issues, including terrorism and trade."

In other words, even supporters of Harper seem to be under the impression that the PM has significantly scarred the country's reputation. have little love for Canada's indigenous and refugee populations — nor its women, whom he has consistently snubbed in the election cycle.

But has Harper really marred our standing on the world stage in such a major way?

There is something both morally suspect and frankly unconvincing about this in-



Like Joan Jett, Stephen Harper doesn't care one iota about his reputation, just as most of the rest of the world doesn't care about Canada's, writes Emma Teitel. GETTY IMAGES

Were Joan Jett not currently tied up, and were she remotely interested in the job, I wouldn't be surprised if she gave Harper a run for his money in the general election.

So supposedly devastating to our national standing is the PM's hawkish foreign policy, you'd think anyone besides Donald Trump would do a better job at salvaging the country's reputation. That is, assuming Canadian self-perception is accurate — assuming our reputation needs salvaging in the first place.

It's true: Harper has muzzled scientists, shown contempt for journalists and served unhelpfully — some would say — as an uncritical friend to Israel. He appears to creasingly popular "reputation" business — which asserts that Canada, once a shining example to the world, has fallen from grace in a short period of 10 years. That Canada — regardless of its newfound conservative bent and hardline foreign policy — is top-of-mind to anyone outside its borders.

It seems as though obsessive anti-Harperism has given us a kind of national narcissistic personality disorder, where we assume the entire earth is talking in hushed tones about how much we've changed for the worse. (Harper may be the big bad wolf on Canadian soil but he is small potatoes outside our borders.)

This sentiment is ridiculous

when you consider that we are consistently named one of the most well-liked countries in the world. This summer, according to the CBC reporting on yet another best-nation reputation contest (this one spearheaded by Reputation Institute), "For the fourth time in six years, Canada has come out on top in a survey that tries to determine which country has the best reputation."

Harper may have altered our standing in the minds of activists and diplomats — where landmine clearance, women's contraception and refugee and aboriginal rights are concerned — but he does not have the power to eviscerate it the world over. Ignorance is actually, ironically, our best friend in this regard: the kinds of cheap generalizations we cringe at when travelling in the United States or Europe are a welcome alternative to the truth.

Ask a foreigner what he thinks of when he thinks of Canada, and it is unlikely he will reference a prime minister with an icy stare steering a nation away from its soul. Instead, he will probably mention cold winters, Justin Bieber, poutine, Drake or any number of friendly stereotypes that inspire the trinkets we balk at in our airport gift shops: maple syrup, beavers, moose slippers. Some clichés, thank God, never die.

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YOUR RIDE

Too little, too late from cab companies

Colin Fast



When Uber finally arrives in Winnipeg — and it will — we likely won't have much warning. It will pop up practically overnight, offer free rides for everyone and rapidly build a loyal following who can't imagine life without it.

Government regulators, politicians and taxi operators will all be trying to brace themselves against a public herd that's stampeding toward their next Uber pickup. That's the stealthy and ultimately genius strategy that Uber followed in Edmonton last year.

As in Winnipeg, ride-sharing services like Uber aren't technically legal in Edmonton. But because of public demand, and a recognition that resistance is futile, Edmonton City Council has proposed a whole new set of regulations that would allow Uber to operate alongside traditional taxi services.

As expected, this move upset taxi drivers, many of whom staged a shirtless protest in Edmonton's council chambers last week.

Here in Winnipeg, drivers still have their shirts on but they've launched a pre-emptive strike against Uber through a new lobbying campaign to maintain the current system of taxi licensing.

And of course they'd want to keep a system that has created such a bubble that government-issued taxi licences now trade for hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Meanwhile, industry service standards are such that taxis are the No. 1 transportation choice for anyone who can't find a reliable car, bus, bike, tractor, dog sled, rickshaw or piggy-back ride.

Cab companies for decades have formed a government-protected oligopoly that stifles competition and innovation. And it's only now — faced with the threat of a competitor that does things better — that they talk about change.

Yes, cabbies might launch their own unified Über-like app that allows instant hailing of the closest car, online payments and driver ratings. They might commit to cleaner cars and better service. They might even come up with new proposals for how to move cabs around the city more quickly.

But they're not going to recommend putting more cabs on the road or making it easier for people to drive part-time when market demand surges. That's what will transform taxis from a last resort to an integral, trusted part of the city's transportation system.

The industry might claim Uber's business practices are unfair, but even the Competition Bureau says ride-sharing services are good for consumers, calling them innovative and likely to create lower prices and better service.

So the industry can promise all the changes it wants, but it's only a matter of time before Winnipeggers are hailing Uber as a better transportation choice

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Matt Damon is an astronaut stranded on Mars in The Martian, which opens this weekend.

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ANALYSIS

Despite flimsy science, film shows planet's challenges

Surviving in space is hard and scientists say The Martian shows precisely what challenges astronauts will face on a pioneering mission to Mars, even though it contains some big inaccuracies right from the get-go.

Case in point — the colossal storm that causes the crew to abandon the movie's main character, botanist Mark Watney played by Matt Damon, would not have packed much of a punch on the Red Planet.

"The fundamental starting premise is completely incorrect," said Mars expert Scott Hubbard, a consulting professor in the department of aeronautics and astronautics at Stanford University.

Due to the thin atmosphere on Mars, wind speeds could only reach about half a hurricane's strength, and "would probably not be sensed by an astronaut—let alone pose the sort of threat seen in the movie."

Still, Hubbard and others say they are fans of the story — both the novel, written by Andy Weir, and the movie, directed by Ridley Scott — because it brings to life the obstacles NASA must overcome as it strives to send

humans to Mars by the 2030s. In the movie, NASA is al-

In the movie, NASA is already there, landing an ethnically diverse crew on the Red Planet, where Damon's character accidentally gets left for dead with about a month's supply of food.

Facing the prospect of waiting four years until a spaceship could get back to him, he is constantly thinking about what could kill him and how to avoid it — that is, when he is not dancing to the disco music left behind by his commander or vowing, "I am going to have to science the s— out of this," in order to survive.

"The thing we like about the movie is it shows how you think one, two, three steps ahead," said NASA astronaut Rex Walheim.

Some scenes from The Martian are based in science that's already happening. When Damon's astronaut grows potatoes on the Red Planet, it's possible astronauts could do such a thing. Scientists on Earth have figured out how to grow plants in harsh environments, as well as split carbon dioxide (CO2) in order to get oxygen, and to split water (H2O) to get oxygen.

What is missing is an experiment to test these tech-

niques in a long-term Mars simulation on Earth, by sealing people off in an area with no outside oxygen or water and only their own tools for growing food and recycling waste. That hasn't been done in the United States since the Biosphere 2 project in the 1900s

There is a year-long NASAfunded Mars simulation under way in Hawaii, but its focus is primarily crew psychology.

Retired NASA astronaut Leroy Chiao said he tried to leave his "technical hat" at the door when he saw the movie.

But there were a couple of scenes that were "implausible and too much," he said.

One involved an astronaut puncturing a glove to devise a thruster. The other came when a crew member crafted a makeshift bomb that blew up just one part of the spaceship.

"There is no way either one would work!" Chiao said.

But space policy expert John Logsdon said he expects the story will inspire young people to keep working on ways to get there. "I think the bottom line of both the book and the movie is yes, it is worth doing," he said.



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Astronaut Rex Walheim

HEALTH

UBC teaching students about sexual consent using emojis



Thandi Fletcher Metro | Vancouver

Two years after students made national headlines for singing a chant advocating rape during frosh week at the University of B.C., the school has launched a campaign using emojis to help educate students about sexual consent.

Posters have gone up across campus and pins are being

handed out to students featuring six emoji faces and symbols that aim to explain how to tell if someone has given consent to sexual activity.

While the campaign aims to educate all students, Janet Mee, director of access and diversity, said it especially targets first-year students who are most vulnerable to being sexually assaulted at the start of the school year. According to Canada's Department of Justice 2003 report on dating violence, on-campus sex-

ual assaults usually occur within the first eight weeks of school.

"These are students that are likely away from home for the first time," Mee told Metro. "They're exploring their freedom, and they often don't understand the concept of consent."

A May 2015 survey commissioned by the Canadian Women's Foundation found that 67 per cent of Canadians don't have a full understanding of the definition of sexual consent — despite the finding that 96 per cent of









those surveyed agreed sexual activity between partners should be consensual.

Many Canadians may be familiar with the No Means No slogan, coined by the Canadian Federation of Students more than two decades ago and printed on informational posters on university campuses across the country to raise awareness and to reduce

the occurrence of sexual assault, acquaintance rape and dating violence.

But Mee said education about sexual consent has "moved beyond No Means No."

"Only an enthusiastic yes means I'm giving consent," she said. "The grey period where people get confused is around the maybes." If someone is silent, hesitant, under the influence of drugs or alcohol, unconscious, or being coerced or coaxed, consent does not exist, said Mee. Under Canadian law, both verbal and behavioural consent is required for consensual sexual activity. Consent must also be ongoing and can be withdrawn at any time

MATERNITY LEAVE

A pregnancy is extra stressful when work is precarious

Kaitlyn Kochany For Metro Canada



The day we found out I was pregnant, my husband went to work, and I went back to bed. I didn't sleep: I lay awake under the covers and wondered if we could afford to have this kid.

Just about every newly pregnant person has some variation of this thought: How am I going to afford this? For me, this question was doubly pressing.
Would I lose my job if I took

time off? Could I work in the evenings, while my husband looks after the baby? We would have to buy diapers and clothes, furniture and toys, strollers and books — and that was just the baby's first year. Then there would be daycare, school trips, extracurricular lessons, college...

I'm self-employed. I contract out 20 hours each week as an administrative assistant. The rest of the time, I'm a freelance writer. I spend anywhere from 10 to 20 hours each week pitching stories, organizing interviews, and trying to hammer out my columns.

My work week stretches over all seven days, and I answer emails any time between six in the morning and midnight. Since I'm just launching my writing career, my take-home pay runs somewhere between \$1,500 a month and \$2,500, depending on if I've had a great writing month or a lacklustre one.

I'm part of the 52 per cent of GTA residents in part-time, contract, or temporary roles. I do my own payroll, set my own schedule, and "my office" is also known as "our living room."



My day-to-day freedom has been a blessing during this pregnancy. I can schedule midwife appointments around interviews, and take naps in the afternoon when fatigue gets the better of me. But that same freedom leaves me feeling unmoored. I left my last full-time job in March of this year, and was pregnant by May.

Canada requires self-employed people to pay into their employment insurance fund for a full year before they can claim any benefits, something that doesn't help those of us who are only pregnant for nine months. When the baby arrives in January, I will not be entitled to any paid maternity or parental leave.

My husband, who works fulltime, will take some parental leave during the first few months. I plan to return to my full workload between two and six weeks after I deliver. I can work flexibly, and work from home, but I will still be working.

This isn't a path I wanted. But choosing not to work for any reason (including an illness, new baby, or to care for a sick relative)



When the baby arrives ... I will not be entitled to any paid maternity or parental leave.

means my income disappears. My husband's salary - either the full amount, or the 55 per cent of his gross pay that he would collect during parental leave

won't cover our rent, grocery bills, and the added expenses of a brand-new family member. So, from now until the baby's birth, we'll save as much money as we can. When we exhaust that, he'll go back to work full-time, and I'll do the same, albeit with a newborn at my side.

It's possible that this baby will be cute enough that he or she can be put to work right away as a child model, or we'll have a YouTube video of the kid laughing that lands us on daytime TV. But more likely, my husband and I will trade child-care duties and do our best to be together as a family when we can find the time. We'll rely on each other, and our friends and family, to keep the tumultuous early few months as even-keel as possible. And we'll celebrate!

INFANT NUTRITION

Breast or bottle? Model's pick draws ire



Model Coco Rocha with her daughter. GETTY IMAGES

Deciding whether to nurse or bottle-feed babies may be a personal matter, but the backlash faced by Canadian supermodel Coco Rocha for her choice reveals how divisive opinions can be about how infants are fed.

Rocha spoke out on social media against the "unwanted advice" she's heard about her decision to feed formula to her infant daughter.

"Not that this is anyone's business — I loved breastfeeding Ioni for the first five months of her life and then one day my milk went dry. It happens to every mom at different times," the Toronto-born, Richmond, B.C.-raised Rocha wrote in an Instagram post alongside a photo of Ioni bottle-feeding.

Breastfeeding is recommended exclusively for an infant's first six months, and can be continued for up to two years or longer with supplementary feeding, according to a joint position statement by Health Canada and other national organizations. The Nutrition for Healthy Term Infants recommendations also recognized that infants many not be able to nurse exclusively.

Parenting blogger Jennifer Pinarski said she's spoken with other women who, like Rocha, found their milk supply "wasn't sustainable."

"The assumption is that if you are formula-feeding that there is something wrong with your body. That's already a personal attack on a woman," said the

mother of two, who lives outside of Kingston, Ont. "But in terms of formula being a choice as well ... there shouldn't be anything wrong with that."

Registered nurse and lactation consultant Cindy Leclerc said one of the most common reasons women discontinue breastfeeding is the belief they don't have sufficient milk for their little one.

"A lot of the time, women actually do have enough, but their breasts may not feel as full or the baby might be fussy for other reasons. And women are quick to doubt themselves, Leclerc said, from Saskatoon.

"No one knows what another mother has been through."

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Balancing hormones, diabetes and weight loss



Kristyn Fontaine, before. CONTRIBUTED

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"While all the clients are delighted to lose weight and feel energized, perhaps the most delighted of all are our diabetic clients," says Erin de Rose, former client and area manager.

Most of us realize that Type 2 diabetes is a direct result of food and lifestyle choices. We hear warnings and know the correlation between the onset of Type 2 diabetes and extra weight. The surprise is that Type 2 diabetes can often be reversed and clients can stop taking medication, including insulin and Metformin.

"Balancing hormones, including the hormone insulin, simply by food combinations, is what sets us apart and helps make U Weight Loss an industry leader," de Rose says. "The programs are safe and proven and are designed to cater to families, as well as individuals.'

When you come to U Weight Loss, you are guided toward your health and weight goals

by a team of certified personal health coaches who can help you develop programs designed with your lifestyle and needs in mind. As a client, you get expert one-on-one advice on nutrition, weight loss and health, as well as encouragement to incorporate exercise into your weight-loss program.

"We pay particular attention to our diabetic clients who are indeed thrilled by the fast weight loss, but even more so by the education they receive in the clinic," says UWL vicepresident Moira Quigg-Lee. "Results are further ensured through nutritional supplementation with our Intelligent Nutraceuticals, a complete line of award-winning and customized professional supplements and vitamins. These are formulated to accelerate weight loss, ensure optimal nutrition and improve overall health. Creating meals in such a way as to balance the body's own fat-burning and fat-storing hormones is one of many criterion that sets U Weight Loss clinic apart and makes us an industry leader."

U Weight Loss clinic's main goal is to establish weight loss through wellness, creating long-term success without dieting or deprivation, but rather by applying leadingedge science to everyday life.



Kristyn Fontaine, after. Fontaine, a former Type 2 diabetic, dropped 50 pounds at U Weight Loss clinic and no longer needs insulin or Metformin, CONTRIBUTED

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WHAT ACTUALLY WORKS WHEN IT COMES TO LOSING WEIGHT AND KEEPING IT OFF LONG TERM?

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"What's even more inspiring than the fast results is the ability to actually keep the excess weight off, PERMANENTLY." says de Rose, herself a former U Weight Loss client who dropped almost 40 lbs in only 12 weeks and has successfully maintained her goal weight for more than 2 yrs.

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No rounding up to 200

Buehrle needs gem to reach his trademark inning plateau

Time is running out for Mark Buehrle.

The 36-year-old Blue Jays lefthander stands 8-2/3 innings shy of reaching the 200-inning plateau for the 15th straight season. With one start likely left in Toronto's remaining seven games, he needs to dig deep to have a chance of extending his streak.

"Mathematically it's still there, but the chances and the reality, I think, are pretty slim," Buehrle said Sunday after pitching six innings in a 5-4 win over the Tampa Bay Rays.

"I've had plenty of opportunities this year to go deeper into games.... I've had opportunities, it just wasn't there. And if it comes to an end, it comes to an end. And the world's not going to end."

The only other players to pitch 200 innings for 15 straight seasons are Hall of Famers Don Sutton and Gaylord Perry.

Buehrle knows 3-1/3 innings in Boston earlier this month and four in Philadelphia in August were missed opportunities.



Toronto's stalwart lefty, Mark Buehrle, far right, has seen his production tail off in the long second-half grind of the MLB season. DARREN MCCOLLESTER/GETTY IMAGES

Asked if he might consider rejigging things to give Buehrle more of chance to reach the plateau, Toronto manager John Gibbons seemed of two minds.

"The bottom line is you're trying to win the game," said Gibbons. "As much as you'd like to, you can't let your heart get in the way of your head."

Buehrle's next start is slated

for Friday in Tampa.

"Then there's two games after that," Gibbons mused. "If we're sitting in a good spot, he might be able to come back and throw a few innings Sunday in a starting role. Who knows. I mean that may be a bit far-fetched but it's possible. If it doesn't affect what we want to do either, it could happen."

After Sunday's no decision, Buehrle was asked whether it mattered if he threw 198 or 200 innings, given both numbers speak to his durability.

"Yeah but it's still not 200," he replied, "You like that round number starting with a two. Again if I do end up on 198, that could be it. I'm not saying I'm going to start on Sunday but I may go in and argue with them and beg with them and try to get that one extra start and

Buehrle (14-7) has not felt his best in

just go for a couple

innings.'

the second half of the season, however, and has had several starts pushed back due to general fatigue.

"He's gutting it out, like he always does," said Gibbons.

Buehrle's 491st consecutive start without a stint on the longest active streak

Buehrle, who becomes a free agent at the end of the season, says he has yet to decide his future. He made \$20 million this season.

"I still feel like I'm capable of going out there and putting up good numbers," he said. "I mean I don't feel

I'm at that point in my career that I can't get guys out."

Buehrle's career record is 213-159 with a 3.81 earned-run average over 3,276 innings. THE CANADIAN PRESS

🛑 IN BRIEF

Sens add sandpaper to 'D' The Ottawa Senators have signed defenceman Mark Fraser to a one-year, twoway contract.

The deal will carry an annual value of \$800,000 in the NHL and \$125,000 in the AHL.

Fraser, 28, spent time with both the New Jersev Devils and the AHL's Albany Devils last season, recordina four assists and 55 pen-



alty minutes over 34 games with New Jersey. The Ottawa native registered three points (one goal) and 45 penalty minutes in 18 games with

Blatter maintains innocence, lawyers say

Sepp Blatter told his staff he has done "nothing illegal or improper" and has no immediate plans to step down, the FIFA president's legal team said Monday.

Blatter was back at FIFA headquarters three days after being interrogated by Swiss investigators at the scandal-battered governing body's headquarters.

Blatter is expected to hand over power in February when an emergency election will be held, triggered by the president's resignation statement four days after being re-elected for a fifth, four-year term in May. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Stamps' defence takes a hit

Calgary Stampeders linebacker Juwan Simpson has been sidelined four to six weeks with a broken clavicle, the club announced Monday.

The three-time West Division all-star and Stampeder co-captain has 27 tackles and a pair of sacks in 12 games this season. Simpson has been a Stampeder for eight seasons and won Grey Cups in 2008 and 2014.

. Calgary added defensive backs Brandon McDonald and Keith Lewis to the roster and placed cornerback Joe Burnett on the six-game injured list Monday. THE CANADIAN PRESS



As much as you'd like to, you can't let your heart get in the way of your head.

John Gibbons, who must consider Mark Buehrle's milestone in the midst of an AL East title push.

Nationals regroup after sordid Sunday

Max Scherzer took a nohitter into the eighth inning of Monday's win over the Reds. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Harper a day earlier.

Scherzer did not allow a hit until Tucker Barnhart singled to left field on a 1-2 count with one out in the eighth. That came on Scherzer's 105th pitch, and fans



Jonathan Papelbon grabs **Bryce Harper on Sunday in** D.C. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

at the stadium rose to salute the right-hander. To that point, the Reds only had three baserun-

Barnhart wound up scoring on



Skip Schumaker's single, the only other hit allowed by Scherzer (13-12), who left after the eighth.

In the bottom of the eighth, chants of "We want Bryce!" rang out in the stadium.

Manager Matt Williams said Harper was no in the lineup because of his "part in the altercation" with Papelbon in Washington's dugout Sunday. Harper entered Sunday lead-

ing the league in batting average (.339), homers (41), slugging percentage (.663) and on-base percentage (.470).

Papelbon, meanwhile, is done for the season: He will miss four games because he was suspended by the Nationals for the episode in which he grabbed Harper's throat, and the other three games because he dropped his appeal of a Major League Baseball ban for throwing at an opponent's head last week. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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NBA SCOOP DREAMS New Raptors big man Bismack Biyombo steps behind the camera during media day on Monday in Toronto. DARREN CALABRESE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bids 'will continue' for Las Vegas, Quebec

Las Vegas and Quebec City are moving closer in their bids to land a NHL franchise.

A Bill Foley-led group and Montreal-based communications giant Quebecor are in the third and final stage of a process to potentially bring the world's top hockey league to Las Vegas and Quebec City, respectively.

They have been invited to make presentations to the Executive Committee on Tuesday," NHL Deputy Commissioner Bill Daly wrote in an email.

Later in the day, the committee will report to the NHL Board of Governors.

"Evaluation process will continue," Daly wrote. "No defined

Quebecor spokesman Martin Tremblay and Michelle Kersch, spokeswoman for Foley's group, confirmed their groups will make a presentation.

NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman said earlier this month the league is "not feeling any timeline pressure," in the expansion process. Bettman has pro-

posed an expansion fee of \$500

million, a significant jump from

the \$80 million fee paid by the Columbus Blue Jackets and Min-

nesota Wild, when the NHL last

expanded to 30 teams in 2000. It is expected to take at least two years before the NHL would potentially have 32 teams playing. The league has examined each market and both groups' arena plans after they were the chosen two out of 16 expansion applicants. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

As part of the process, both groups submitted a \$10 million down payment, \$2 million of which was nonrefundable.

Habs hope to end nation's cup drought

Canadiens top oddsmakers list (18-1), Leafs are 100-1 shot

With individual accolades all around him at the NHL Awards in Las Vegas, Carey Price's mind was still on the Stanley Cup that had eluded him and his teammates.

"I'd trade all four of these in for that one," the star Montreal Canadiens goaltender said. "We have a lot of very good parts in Montreal and a very good hockey team. We're gaining experience and I'm very, very happy and very excited about our future."

Price is the biggest reason to be excited about the Canadiens' present and future. The reigning Hart and Vezina Trophy-winner is only one player, but his presence makes Montreal the most likely team to end Canada's Cup drought that currently sits at 21

Oddsmakers give eight NHL teams better odds than the Habs (18-1), but they have the most realistic shot of any Canadianbased team. The Calgary Flames and Winnipeg Jets are 28-1, the Edmonton Oilers 33-1, Ottawa Senators 40-1, Vancouver Canucks 66-1 and Toronto Maple Leafs 100-1, according to the online sportsbook Bodog.ca.

If the Habs are going to lift the Cup for the first time since 1993, they'll need to do more to support a goaltender who is playing at the level of two-time Conn Smythe Trophy-winner Patrick Roy. Price led the league with 44 wins, a 1.96 goals-against average and .933 save percentage, but skaters have to score more and be better, too.



Canadiens goalie Carey Price chats with his replacement Zachary Fucale, a former Halifax Moosehead, during last Tuesday's game in Montreal. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

behind one of

hockey's most

dynamic players

in P.K. Subban.

They also have a

captain for the

first time since

Brian Gionta

left in the sum-

"We're fortunate to have him, and obviously as players we want to help him out a little bit more than we did last year," centre Tomas Plekanec said. "A big part

was Pricey, which is one thing that obviously we want to get better at and play better in front

The Habs will have defenceman Jeff Petry for an entire season and should be better by having him on the second pairing

I'd trade all four of these for that one.

Carev Price on winning the Stanley Cup instead of individual awards

> mer of 2014, giving left-winger Max Pacioretty the honour. Talented forward Alex Galchenyuk moves to centre in the hopes of sparking his

> For all the minor changes in Montreal, Price is the constant. And what a constant to have.

"My expectations for him are no different from what they've been since I started playing on this team and that's to remain and be one of the best goaltenders in the world," Subban said. "He proved that he could be that last year. He'll have to continue to prove that for our team to win a Stanley Cup."

Immediate Stanley Cup aspirations are hard to find elsewhere across Canada, though the Flames have real expectations on them this season after a surprise run to the playoffs ahead of schedule.

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Lukaku lifts Everton over West Bromwich

and set up another against his former club as Everton rallied from two goals down to beat West Bromwich Albion 3-2 Monday in the Premier League. Lukaku slotted in the winner in the 84th minute with his second attempt after a cross from Gerard Deulofeu to complete the second-half comeback and lift Everton to fifth in the standings.

Saido Berahino and Craig Dawson had put West Brom 2-0 up by the 54th minute, a lead that a Tony Pulis-managed team had never before allowed to turn into a loss in the Premier League. But Lukaku started the fightback almost immediately when he headed in another perfect cross

from Deulofeu, who provided a constant threat down the right flank. Lukaku then provided a perfectly weighted pass through the West Brom defence to set up Arouna Kone for the equalizer in the 75th. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Everton's Romelu Lukaku had reason to celebrate on Monday in West Bromwich.

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Ingredients

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- · Kosher salt and pepper
- 3 Tbsps extra virgin olive oil • 4 cloves of garlic, minced
- 128-ounce can of tomatoes
- 11/2 cups low-sodium chicken broth
- 1 cup water
- 2 cups penne pasta
- 1 cup freshly shaved Parmesan
- cheese, more for garnish •1 cup fresh basil leaves

Directions

- 1. Generously season your chicken breast with kosher salt and pepper. Cut chicken breast into 1-inch pieces.
- 2. Add olive oil to a large skillet over medium heat. Place the chicken in the pan and brown on all sides. Lower the heat, add garlic and cook for 1 minute.
- 3. Add the tomatoes, chicken broth, water and uncooked pasta to the pan. Bring this mixture to a boil, then reduce heat to low. Cover the pan and cook for about 15 minutes. Remove cover and cook for another 5 minutes, or until liquid is reduced by half.
- 4. Remove your skillet from the heat and gently stir in the Parmesan cheese. Serve individual portions with a sprinkling of fresh basil leaves and a bit more Parmesan cheese.

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IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20 You are stuck in a rut and need to find ways to make life more rewarding and exciting. Changes to your working routine can play a big role, so make that a priority.

Taurus April 21 - May 21 This could be and should be one of the most rewarding periods of the year for you but to make the most of it you need to be more active and adventurous. Take a few chances.

Gemini May 22 - June 21 Jupiter in the domestic sector of your chart is good for family relationships, so make it your priority to heal rifts with loved ones and relatives. Don't wait for them to make the first move - make it yourself.

Cancer June 22 - July 23 Something is not right and you must act on what your instincts tell you. No matter how appealing an offer may sound you must not get involved. Be blunt if you have to: don't worry about hurting others' feelings.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23 Just because certain ways worked well in the past does not mean they will work well in the future. Look for unusual solutions to everyday problems

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23 Don't hide vourself away. With Mars and Jupiter moving through your birth sign, you get what you want. You don't have to be subtle about it either - take charge

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23. You should be making serious progress towards your goals. If you're not then you need to ask yourself if maybe some of your methods need improving. Don't let retrograde Mercury undermine your confidence.

M Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22 Let partners and colleagues know that you are ready to join the team. Too often you have been halfhearted about joint projects. Now be frighteningly enthusiastic.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21 Others are sure to look up to you and follow your lead. Which might do wonders for your ego but do you actually know where you want to be going and why?

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20 You are not as set in your ways as some people believe. Take the doubters by surprise. You will make a big impression on employers and other important people.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19 You are about to be made an offer you won't want to refuse but your suspicions could easily get the better of you. If so you are likely to regret it before the end of the year. Be bold.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20 Put your doubts and suspicions about a certain individual to the side and give them a chance to prove themselves Almost certainly you have been too harsh in your judament.

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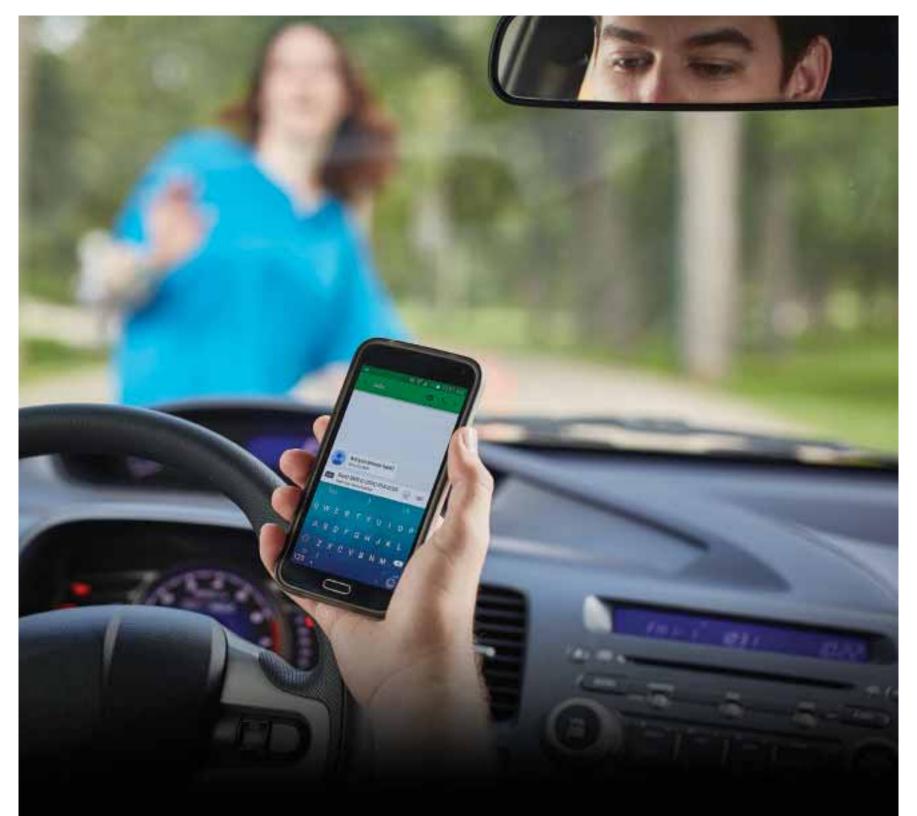


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